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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### PART 2

BY DAVE JOHNSON

The Gannett News Service recently published a series of articles in which they reported that enrollment in Fundamentalist private schools is up 118% over the last decade, while enrollment in public and Roman Catholic schools is on the decline by 11.7% and 21.7% respectively. Last month in the column, "The Other Side," we looked into some aspects of these revealing statistics. Our purpose is two-fold. We, as Chris-



tian educators, should know why these things have taken place, and also we should see these statistics as a warning to Christian schools, lest we adopt public school methods and materials and follow them down the road of decay.

#### TITLE I

In an effort to completely con-

trol the educational process in the public schools, the federal government finances a program which is named after the law which funds it. Title I costs the taxpayers nearly \$3.4 billion annually. The purpose of the program is to provide special classes for certain children within the school system. These special classes could be for the exceptionally bright students as well as the slow students; the musical and the "educationally disadvantaged" also qualify. As a matter of fact, it seems that as long as money is available to a school district under Title I, somebody will come up with something "appropriate" to teach, lest the money be spent in the next county instead!

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## Others May - You Cannot

When God sets you apart, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience, that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence on Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants you to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a great work for Him and get the credit of it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He may let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has the right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

— G. D. Watson, in Living Words

## Editor's Desk

Sixteen seniors received their diplomas recently at Santa Rosa Christian School, marking the 10th Commencement of the school. The first eight years of SRCS's existence we had no graduating class, as we only had grades K thru 4 when we began in 1962. Of the 130 graduates since that first graduating class of 1971, quite a few are now serving the Lord in a full-time capacity, and many more are in training in Christian Colleges around the country. It is a thrill to have a part in training young people, and especially those who are planning to serve the Lord as preachers, teachers, missionaries, and in other areas of full-time service.

Several of our own graduates will be continuing with us at Santa Rosa Christian College this fall. These, along with students from several other states, a number of folks from our church, and others around this area will be helping us kick off the first semester of SRCC this September. We believe the Lord has great things in store for SRCC, and we trust that in the years ahead, if the Lord tarries, many faithful servants will go from this campus to serve the Lord.

We would appreciate your sending students our way if you feel the Lord would have them come to us. One thing we promise; we will do our best to train them thoroughly and send them out to serve the Lord faithfully.




### THREE WONDERS

When I get to heaven, I shall see three wonders there—the first wonder will be to see many people there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be to miss many people whom I did expect to see; and the third and greatest wonder of all will be to find myself there. — *John Newton*.

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## Fundamental Baptist Fellowship Holds 60th Annual Meeting

The 60th annual meeting of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship of America will be held June 10, 11, 12 in Greenville, South Carolina. Hosting the meeting will be Dr. Harold B. Sightler, Tabernacle Baptist Church located at 3931 White Horse Road, Greenville, SC.

The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship is the oldest fellowship of its kind in America. Six regional meetings are held throughout the United States in the fall. Dr. Rod Bell is the fellowship's 13th president with headquarters located in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The purpose of the fellowship is to have a national voice and give a clear sound for the fundamentals of the faith. It is a fellowship for those who want to rally around our great Baptist heritage.

Some of America's greatest preachers will expound the theme "Sound the Trumpet," Nehemiah 4:20. They include: Dr. Rod Bell, Virginia

Beach, VA; Dr. Walter Burrell, Demorest, GA; Dr. B. Myron Cedarholm, Watertown, WI; Dr. Allen P. Dickerson, Elkton, MD; Dr. Bob Jones III, Greenville, SC; Dr. John W. McCormick, Chattanooga, TN; Dr. Ed Nelson, Denver, CO; Dr. G. Archer Weniger, Castro Valley, CA; Dr. J. B. Williams, Ringgold, GA; Dr. James A. Zaspel, Virginia Beach, VA. For accommodations write: Reservation Secretary, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC 29614 or call Harry Ward collect at 1 (803) 271-3338. Preachers from all over the United States and Canada are expected to attend. Everyone is invited. Help celebrate the 60th anniversary of the fellowship.

Inspirational preaching will be heard both morning and evening services. Brochures are available from: Fundamental Baptist Fellowship Headquarters, 717 N. Whitehurst Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464, or phone 1(804)420-5476.

## Concerning Governmental Authority

Governmental authority is appointed and ordained by God as a rod of His anger for the discipline and punishment of the evil and profligate nation (Isaiah 10:5-15). Therefore doth Paul name it a servant of God's vengeance (Romans 13:4), by means of which God will avenge Himself on their sins and bring the evil they have done upon their own head, that their wickedness might not continue to spread and that the whole earth might not on their account become blemished and unclean (Genesis 9:1-6). Therefore one should be obedient and subject to rulers as ordained by God for the purpose of protection (Romans 13:1-7), in so far as they do not attack the conscience or command what is against God. As Peter exhorteth us saying, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto the governors, as unto them that are sent by Him" (I Peter 2:13-17). And Paul saith, "Remind them to be subject to the principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1).

Therefore is one rightly obedient and subject

to them, and the more diligent one is therein, the better is it and the more pleasing to God. For whosoever resisteth this, resisteth the ordinance of God (Romans 13:1-2). Where, however, the rulers command and act against God, there one must leave their command undone, and obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29). For the conscience hath been set free and is reserved for God alone, that He and no human being may be Lord of the same and rule over, teach and direct it whithersoever it pleaseth Him.

Therefore wherever the government presumeth to lay hands upon the conscience and to control the faith of man, there it is robbing God of what is His. Therefore it is wrong to obey it in this (Romans 2:14-24).

Now, since the office of government is an ordinance and establishment of God and because it hath been appointed and ordained by God, within its own limits it is right and good, but where it is abused, this same misuse is wrong.

*Confession of Faith*, by Peter Rideman. (Originally published in 1545), 1970 Plough Publishing House, pp. 102, 103.

# Will A Man Rob God?

Malachi 3:8

This is a startling question. The prophet Malachi seems to be gripping his listless people by the shoulders in an effort to shake them into wakefulness. Therefore, he flings at them these arresting words: "Will a man rob God? Will he? I know that there are those who will steal from the city that elected them to positions of trust. There are brothers that will rob brothers. There are parents that will steal from their own children, and children that will steal from their parents. But will a man rob God? When we rob each other, we feel that there is a chance that our dishonesty may never be detected. But this cannot be the case when we rob Him in whose hand our breath is and Who knows all our ways. How, then, shall we answer this question?"

Our first impulse is to give an emphatic No. No man would be so mad as to rob God. But when we face the facts we find that we are wrong. Men will rob God. There were such in the days of the prophet Malachi. "Ye have robbed me," he declares, speaking for God. Those so accused were indignant. "You have flung at us a horrible accusation," they reply. "Prove it. Cite instances. Tell us wherein we have robbed God." "You ask me to be specific," he replies. "All right, I will. You have robbed God in tithes and offerings. By withholding your tithes you have cheated God His just dues." This fact is so plain that it is impossible to fail to understand it.

How had these people come to be guilty of robbing God? They could not plead ignorance. They had known from their infancy that the tenth of all their increase belonged to God. They could not plead poverty. The truth of the matter is, it is far easier to induce those with small incomes to tithe than those whose incomes are large. Somehow, as our incomes increase, we fail to be impressed by the increase of the 9/10th. We are only impressed by the increase of the 1/10th.

No more had these people ceased to tithe because they had left religion altogether. They still attended church. They still gave after a fashion. But their gifts were small and cheap. Why was this the case? Because they had lost all sense of God's love. Love delights to give. It is heartbroken when it cannot give. But when love dies, we give as little as

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# Largest Graduating Class In BJU History

GREENVILLE, S.C....Five ministers received honorary doctor's degrees at Bob Jones University at the 53rd annual graduation exercises this past May 25. Traditionally at the University, recipients of honorary degrees are not announced in advance.

Also more than 900 undergraduate and graduate degrees, diplomas, and certificates of completion from the University and the Institute of Christian Service were conferred. This was the largest graduating class in the history of the school.

Dr. Bob Jones III, president of the University, conferred the academic degrees on students from 45 states and several foreign countries at the annual convocation held in the Founder's Memorial Amphitheater. More than 9,000 persons were on campus for the occasion. Among the degrees conferred were bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, master of divinity, master of arts, master of science, master of education, master of fine arts,

and doctor of philosophy.


Receiving the honorary doctor of divinity degrees were Rev. Richard L. Mercado, general director of the Mexican Gospel Mission and pastor of the bilingual Evangelical Church of Phoenix, Ariz.; Rev. William J. Moorehead, president of Kingston Bible College and pastor of the Bible Baptist Church of Kingston, Nova Scotia, Canada; and Rev. D. North Miller, dean of the Faith Bible Institute and founder and director of the Living Waters Bible Ranch, Graysville, Pa.

The honorary doctor of humanities degrees were conferred upon two BJU alumni, Rev. Thomas Wesley Bliss, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Troy, Mich., and Rev. Billy Ray Wingard, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of New Bern, N.C.

Dr. Tom Malone, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church and president of Midwestern Baptist College, Pontiac, Mich., delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

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# Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

## The Great Catch



It's summer time, and school is out! Would you like to go fishing?

"Oh yes!" everybody shouts with glee! Let me ask you something. Would you like to go if you sat, and sat, and worked, and fished, and yet never caught anything? Would you like that kind of a fishing trip?

Well, that is just what happened to Peter, James, and John. They had fished the whole night long. They had almost broken their backs slinging their huge nets overboard and pulling them back in. And every time they pulled them in, they had not one fish! By the time light began to dawn and morning came and it was time to go home, they were glad to go in. Tired? That wasn't the word for it!

So, dawn found them back on the beach, out of their boats, cleaning their nets and putting equipment away ready to leave it for the day, when Who should come down the beach but the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. As usual, a great crowd followed and pressed around Him.

The first thing Peter knew, Jesus was getting on board his fishing boat. Then He asked Peter to pull his boat a little out from the shore. Many more people could hear Him if they weren't jammed up close to Him. Jesus also knew that sound carries much better over water. Why, He had a built-in loud speaker system so He could speak to the crowd. Peter hurried to do what the Lord Jesus asked. How hearts thrilled at the wonderful words of the Lord Jesus Christ!

But when He finished His message, Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Launch out into the deep and cast down your nets for a great catch of fish."

Peter looked at Him. Instantly the whole night's futile effort flashed through his mind, and he said, "Master, we have toiled all night long and haven't caught a thing! Nevertheless, at Thy word, I'll let down the net."

So, there they were — out in the

middle of the lake again — the lake which all night long had yielded them nothing for all their labor! If anyone only knew all the hours of work that went into cleaning those nets, they would never understand how Peter could drop them overboard and get them wet in the water and muck again — but Jesus had commanded and Peter obeyed. Suddenly, the nets began to shake, and the water came alive with fish! Soon, Peter felt the weight and pull of the fish against the nets and he began to try to pull them in. The load was too great, and he had to call for other men to come help.

Before they knew it, they had such a net full of fish that the net began to break. As they were bringing the fish into the ship, the ship got so full and heavy, it began to sink. In the excitement and commotion, Peter began to holler across the water to another boat to James and John, "Come quick, and help!"

Those fellows were glad to come because they had spent a dismal night fishing without catching anything either. They would be glad to take the excess off Peter's boat, but to their amazement, their boat was soon so full it was about to sink!

What a catch they had, and all because the Lord Jesus Christ had come!

Oh, joy! Oh, delight! Food for the table! Supper for the children! And they could sell the remaining fish and have money to pay the bills and meet their families' needs! Oh, how wonderfully the Lord had provided!

When Peter finally got his breath and realized what the Lord had done, he was overcome with joy and awe and wonder at the Lord Jesus! He fell to his knees at Jesus' feet and said humbly, "Depart from me, for I'm a sinful man, Lord."

Through that experience Peter saw Jesus more clearly than he had ever seen Him before. True enough, when he first spoke to Jesus, he called Him "Master," but now, he called Him, "Lord."

Jesus answered him in that strong, sure voice and said, "Fear not. From now on, you'll catch men." No, not in nets or with fish hooks, but by God's grace, by giving men the Gospel, Peter would be able to lead many people to the Lord Jesus Christ and to salvation through His name.

With a wonderful catch like that, one would think that Peter and James and John would have never quit fishing, but when they finally got the ships to land, the Scripture says, "They forsook all and followed

Jesus." As pretty as that boat was, it was not as important to them as Jesus. As thrilling as it was to catch all those fish, it was not as important as Jesus. They were willing to leave all to follow Him.

Aren't you glad that Peter didn't argue with Jesus that morning? When Jesus stepped on to his boat, wouldn't it have been sad if Peter had said, "I have just cleaned my boat; don't get on there and track it up!" When Jesus said, "Let down your nets," suppose Peter had said, "I just cleaned my nets; I'm tired. I don't want to mess them up again by putting them overboard and not catching anything." Or suppose he had said, "I have worked all night. You just can't expect me to do so much, Lord. You can't expect me to be on call twenty-four hours a day!"

No, that wasn't Peter's response. When Jesus called him, he was willing to come. That is what Jesus desires of His children. We are not to keep part of the day for ourselves, but all our time belongs to Jesus. Everything we have must belong to Jesus. These men left all and followed Jesus Christ. Are you willing to follow Him? Are you willing to go all the way with the Lord? That is what Jesus expects, and nothing less will do.



### NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PRAYER

The church today needs praying men to execute her solemn and pressing responsibility to meet the fearful crisis which is facing her. The crying need of the times is for men, in increased numbers—God-fearing men, praying men, Holy Ghost men, men who can endure hardness, who will not count their lives dear unto themselves, but count all things but dross for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ the Saviour. Praying men are the only men who have influence with God, the only kind of men to whom God commits Himself and His Gospel. Praying men are the only men in which the Holy Spirit dwells, for the Holy Spirit and prayer go hand-in-hand. The Holy Spirit never descends upon prayerless men. He never fills them; He never empowers them. There is nothing whatever in common between the Spirit of God and men who do not pray. The Spirit dwells only in a prayer atmosphere.

In doing God's work there is no substitute for praying. — E. M. Bounds. *A Treasury of Prayer. Bethany Fellowship. p. 160.*



**Focus  
On  
Religion**  
BY  
PETER J. FOXX

## THE MORAL MAJORITY??

A new religious-political organization known as the "Moral Majority" is sweeping the country, gaining acceptance and popularity in conservative circles. The movement, led by Dr. Jerry Falwell, is purposed to unite the supposedly 80 million fundamental Christians in America into a "national political force." According to Dr. Falwell, "Fundamental Christians can run America." (BLU-PRINT 4-29-80).

True Fundamentalists must avoid the "Moral Majority" movement like the plague. To be sure, all Christians are sickened by the immorality of our society. However, spiritual compromise and carnal weaponry are not the vehicles to revival and social change. Separated believers need to be aware of several facts concerning the "Moral Majority" movement:

1. There is no such thing as a moral majority in America. The 80 million American fundamentalists are a figment of Falwell's wild imagination. In a recent meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin at the Blair House, Falwell boasted,

*The vast majority of quote-  
unquote Christians in America are  
evangelical. Our members far ex-  
ceed the more liberal National  
Council of Churches... (Moral  
Majority Report, 5-1-80).*

Falwell's fundamentalists include everyone remotely tainted with the evangelical cause. His claim is fraudulent and deceptive — to the point of being an outright lie. Dr. Jasmin is undoubtedly correct when he states,

*The 80 million "fundamentalist"  
Christians are actually a composite  
of ecumenicists, religious apos-  
tates, fundamentalists, Roman  
Catholics, cultists, and nearly  
every kind of religious hodge-  
podge conceivable. (Voice of  
Fundamentalism, May-June, 1980).*

2. The ecumenicalism of the Moral Majority will do more damage to America than her immorality. God has never used a majority to accomplish His work or to bring revival. God blesses the purity of

a few, not the political power of the many. Morality is the result of the new birth in the hearts of individuals. Morality cannot be legislated from the halls of Congress.

God would have spared Sodom for a few righteous souls. Gideon defeated the Midianites with a handful of dedicated soldiers. David was a majority of one when he toppled the Philistine giant. The battle is the Lord's, not Jerry Falwell's. It will be won by the power of God, not the strength of man. Our power is in our purity. Ecumenicalism will destroy our purity.

The May 1, 1980 edition of the Moral Majority Report pictures Dr. Falwell and his "powerful" companions who met with Begin at the Blair House. They include: Dr. Adrian Rogers, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. James Kennedy, pastor of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Dr. Greg Dixon, pastor of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple; Dr. Wendell Zimmerman, of the Baptist Bible Tribune; and Dr. Charles Stanley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia.

3. The ecumenicalism of Dr. Falwell serves to destroy Fundamentalism. How does Dr.

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possible.

These no longer asked, "How much can we give," but "how little." They no longer brought the best of the flock. Instead they brought that which was of least value, the torn, the sick, the worthless. And I am quite sure that this is the case with many of us today. We are robbing God in tithes and offerings.

We who are Christians should so far as possible give a tithe of our incomes as a minimum. Some of us should give far more, because we are able to do so. But everybody ought to try to give at least a tenth. This I say for the following reasons: Tithing is Scriptural. Here are the solid facts upon which this demand rests.

First, God is the absolute owner of everything. "All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made." "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, the

Falwell justify violating the principles of Biblical separation so blatantly? His explanation is as follows:

*You say, "Hey, how in the world could you stand with a crowd like that?" Hey, when a ship is going down and you are out in the water and a fellow throws you a life-saver, you don't ask him, "Are you a Baptist?" You work that out later. We are talking about the survival of the country. We are not talking about theological differences and likenesses. (BLU-PRINT, 4-29-80).*

What a humanistic philosophy! In a crisis of morality, one does not cast aside one's principles for survival. Far better to lose our country than our principles. The Scripture must dictate our practice, not the situation.

The responsibility of the Church is to occupy until Jesus returns. This involves winning the lost and making a faithful disciple of each believer. As one man has said, we are to be busy building God's kingdom, not Liberty Mountain. We must never forget that our weapons are preaching and prayer and personal righteousness. Again it must be emphasized, God's work must be done God's way.

world, and they that dwell therein." We are His, His by right of creation, and by right of redemption. To that I think we all agree.

Second, since God owns all, we ought to set aside a certain part of our income in acknowledgement of His ownership. If we fail to do so, we come to believe that we are owners of our substance rather than the possessors, a conviction that always leads to spiritual impoverishment.

Finally, since God owns all, and since we ought to make some acknowledgement of His ownership, it is God's right to say what should be set aside. I am saying it here, not because it is new, but because it is true. It is the one proportion mentioned in the Old Testament, and those who refused to tithe were accused of dealing dishonestly with God.

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Title I programs are in two categories — in-class programs and pull-out programs. While in-class programs are most effective, pull-outs are most common, because schools fear that the government will audit the Title I spending and remove funds which are not being used most efficiently. And if that doesn't make sense to you, it is because you don't understand that the government intends for this money to be used in the most inefficient way possible. Congress doesn't want Title I money spent on anyone but Title I children; therefore, they insist on pulling some kids out of regular class to give them their special class. When they return to their regular class, the teacher is interrupted for the second time and also is faced with the task of re-teaching the lesson which was missed. How this helps students is seldom discussed, and the reason is obvious. Title I classes continue to grow because the low achievers do not improve.

After studying Title I for several years, the National Institute for Education reported that the \$3.4 billion spent each year "does more good than harm." This is hardly a "glowing report" and reflects the attitude that nobody wanted to say it is a good program, but at the same time nobody wanted to tell an obvious lie.

I have two observations concerning Title I which could serve as a warning to Christian schools. Beware of government money and any other source of funding which may have strings attached to it. Satan is subtle and he would love to get Christian schools obligated to a person or an organization that would direct the school away from the founder's original purposes.

Secondly, there is a real danger in Christian schools from the temptation to "pull-out" students for special activities at the expense of the basics. Although these special activities (band, choir, voice, art, piano, etc.) are not Title I, the results could be the same, in that some "average" students may become "below average" students. These things must be kept in mind when scheduling special activities. Individual attention is not new to the Christian school movement.

## RELEVANT CURRICULUM

Closely related to the subject of Title I is the subject of relevant curriculum. Ionia Smith, a high school teacher in Tallahassee, Florida, calls her school's graduation requirements "a joke." Such courses as mass media, check writing, child development, astrology, insurance, street law, science fiction, TV production, cheerleading, and preparing income tax returns all earn credit toward graduation. In a Maryland high school, a class even has "simulated marriage" in which student couples discuss buying furniture, child birth, and other related "relevant" topics.

A recent survey by the Council for Basic Education shows that 34 states require schools to offer courses on alcohol and drugs, but only 28 require them to teach English. How many high school kids do you know who would choose English as an elective? No wonder many high school graduates are functionally illiterate. Nearly half of the nation's kids aren't required to take English!

Relevancy is not limited to high school classes either. A teacher of the third grade at Jefferson School in Dixon, Illinois, has been instructing members of her class in the art of writing ransom notes. "I have your daughter," read one. "I will give her back for \$2,000. If you want her back, drop it in Jefferson School's garbage can. If you call the cops, I will kill your daughter." When questioned, the teacher explained that the purpose "was to teach the children that communications have to be specific."

Now that is relevant teaching!

## SEX EDUCATION

Perhaps the most controversial "relevant" classes have been the courses in sex which are taught from high school down to fifth grade. In high schools, where sex education is frequently part of a biology course, no efforts were made to separate the boys and the girls, according to the Gannett News Series. In the lower grades, however, the sexes were usually segregated.

In Indianapolis, a fifth grade class of boys saw a film covering

the basic equipment of males and females, including the development of a fetus. After the film, written questions were submitted. Among them:

*Is nine years old too early to have sex?*

*What is the effect of grass or uppers and downers on a baby?*

*What if you're 10 years old and you think you have VD, will they tell your parents?*

In the same school, two sixth grade couples spent their midday "rec period" locked in romantic embraces in the gym, in view of their classmates and teachers. The teachers made no attempt to stop their hugging, but later reprimanded them for kissing. These same teachers later expressed surprise at some of the knowledgeable and mature questions asked by fifth- and sixth-graders during sex education class.

It seems strange to me that teachers who teach the mechanics of sex would be surprised at students who practice what they are taught and also ask mature questions. This does not surprise the teachers of other subjects. It seems reasonable that, when a student is taught a subject, he should practice it (do homework) and ask questions about that which is not fully understood. This same principle should be applied to drug education as well as other "relevant" subjects.

## TELEVISION

Teachers interviewed by the GNS reporters blame television for many of the problems which are being encountered by the public schools. If they are right, we can expect some of the same problems to exist in Christian schools. One of the problems referred to in the GNS series is what they call the "new maturity." In other words, kids know much more about certain subjects than they used to. The public school combats this "new maturity" in a way which tends to aggravate the situation. When kids know too much about sex, drugs, etc., the public school teaches them how to use this knowledge in a sensible, practical way (new morality). The Christian school must face this same "new maturity" and cope with it in a Scriptural way.

We can pretend that our students have not been affected by the "new maturity" and simply ignore the problem, or we can meet it head on, call it sin, and deal with it in a Godly manner in Bible class and from the chapel pulpit.

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*"The most effective testimony against apostasy is separation from it"*

## THE COST OF CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

by William J. McCarrell

... Abel contended at the cost of his life. Elijah was pursued, fed by ravens, and forced to share the widow's meagre fare while his life hung in balance because he contended for God's truth versus Baalism. Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, was imprisoned and suffered attempts upon his life through starvation, being cast into a pit of quicksand, and in other ways because he contended for the faith. Contending caused Daniel's three companions to be cast into the burning fiery furnace. Daniel was placed in the lions' den for the same reason.

... Jesus Christ was crucified, not by common people who heard Him gladly, neither by publicans, nor the woman out of whom he cast seven demons, nor by the thief saved on Golgotha, but by the unsaved, apostate religious leaders of His day because He was God's truth (John 14:6) and contended for it by teaching, ministry and life. The majority of the apostles paid for their contending by martyrdom, Stephen by being stoned to death (Acts 7:54-60), and the Apostle John by being exiled on the Isle of Patmos. Had they not contended for God's revealed truth, their experience would have been far different.

The price the Apostle Paul paid was to be misunderstood, misrepresented, slandered, threatened with continuous riots, starvation, imprisonments, receiving of hundreds of stripes, beatings with rods, being stoned, perils on every hand, attempts upon his life, being made the offscouring of society, and martyrdom by beheading. He suffered the loss of all things because he contended earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

... The price of contending is paid in proportion to one's separation from apostasy. Spurgeon said, "The most effective testimony against apostasy is separation from it." This is God's Bible method in contending for the faith.

Paying the price of contending will call for reconciliation to

- 1) Sacrificing popularity;
- 2) Willingness to be unpopular;
- 3) Willingness to be misunderstood,

misrepresented, wrongly accused, slandered;

- 4) Willingness to be criticized, belittled, and mocked;
- 5) Willingness to be classed as backward, lacking in education and learning;
- 6) Loss of prestige, pulpit and platform opportunities;
- 7) Possible sacrifice of pastoring a church;
- 8) Being branded as non-cooperative, even a trouble-maker
- 9) Sacrifice of advancement in pastoral position and otherwise;
- 10) Sacrifice of income and material comforts;
- 11) Sacrifice of pension, insurance, material security;
- 12) Severance of fellowship with lifelong friends, especially in the religious realm;
- 13) Testing in maintaining a Christ-honoring spirit of patience, prayer and spiritual love toward Christians who are biblically uninformed or dull, cold, compromising, even backslidden, in their Christian state, also with apostates and subtle sinful apostate opposition;
- 14) Testing as to patiently waiting for God to honor biblical witnessing, living and service;
- 15) Determination to obey God's Word though all others disobey, to be true to Christ whether one's stand is ever justified before mankind or not;
- 16) Trusting the outcome to the faithfulness of a faithful God;
- 17) Witnessing, living and serving in the light of Christ's coming Bema-seat judgment for works (I Corinthians 3:11-15);
- 18) Practicing continually, by God's grace, the courage of Athanasius who, while contending for the Deity of Christ and the Trinity of the Godhead through resisting the Arian Unitarian error of early Christian centuries, refused to

compromise though appealed to do so by Emperor Theodosius (Theodocius, in bitterness of spirit, said, "Do you not realize that all the world is against you?" Athanasius, realizing that the foundations of Christianity were at stake in the controversy concerning Bible truth and the Christian faith, replied to the Emperor, "Then I am against all the world.");

- 19) A contending price, which will be continuous vigilance;
- 20) Such Bible study as to enable one to know God's truth, discern error, and expose subtle, destructive teachings (Such a stand will demand a consistent, sacrificial life in order to strengthen the message);

A most effective means of countering apostasy and contending for the faith is an exemplary life, also the building of a constructive Christian work. Opposition cannot meet nor overcome such procedure. Such procedure is impossible apart from an unselfish spirit, service not motivated by income, personal gain, nor future security. Such contending demands service saturated with prayer, teaching of God's Word, witnessing for Christ, and bulwarked by Holy Spirit-controlled life and service. These were the God-given and enabled methods of the Church in the Book of Acts. They will never be improved upon. . . .

The greatest Christian servant from among mankind, the Apostle Paul, when facing earthly departure, said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (II Timothy 4:7). May every saved one realize that such testimony is impossible apart from contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). May they, by appropriating Christ's all-sufficient grace (II Corinthians 12:9), so live and serve their Savior as to merit such testimony.

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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## TESTING

The National Education Association has been pushing since 1972 to ban typical standardized achievement tests, arguing that once students are labeled "slow" they tend to live up to that label.

The federal judge whom President Jimmy Carter appointed the nation's first Secretary of Education has told the world that she is suspicious of literacy tests before high school graduation. It will be recalled that such tests are being promoted so that high school diplomas might be said to guarantee a prospective employer that a graduate can at least read and write.

Secretary of Education Hufstedler, who has had no professional experience in either public or private education, apparently feels that literacy tests are unfair because some students fail them. She reportedly said: "One has to be suspicious of tests when one does not know who put them together." To which she added: "There have been instances when literacy tests were totally unfair because the youngsters who were given the tests were not given the education to pass them."

It should be obvious to the casual observer that public educators dislike tests because testing proves that they are getting paid for something which is not being accomplished. When children don't learn, it is usually because teachers haven't taught. There are two sides to the coin of testing and public educators don't like people looking on their side of the coin.

The Gannett article reports:

*The College Board in New Jersey hired a blue-ribbon panel several years ago to find out why Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores started sinking in the 1963-64 school year. The panel concluded that at first it was because a much larger pool of students was taking the college entrance test.*

*But after 1970, when the pool stopped growing, scores continued to sink. The panel speculated that it was because students were living in "a decade of distraction" — television, changing family lifestyles, the political upheaval over the Vietnam War, and Watergate.*

*The panel also noted that high*

*school curricula had ballooned with new courses since 1962, which might have contributed to the decline.*

*The GNS team found an astonishing variety of classes in high schools — consumer math, mass media, logic, child care, TV production, farm skills, marriage simulation — and students were dropping traditional academic subjects to take them.*

*If the SAT tested skills in mass media, logic, and child care, several educators said with a laugh, perhaps the scores would go up.*

*Something like that happened when the National Assessment of Educational Progress tested math achievement in 1973 and 1978.*

*In general math skills, 9-year-olds registered a slight decline, 13-year-olds a moderate decline, and 17-year-olds a substantial drop. But youngsters across the board showed a substantial increase in knowledge about metrics. Congress was paying schools to teach metric education.*

He who pays the piper calls the tune!

## FEAR OF GOD

The GNS report suggests that a return to the "old toughness" is what is needed in the public schools. Mrs. Carol Mass, a mother of three in Sacramento, summed it up this way — "When I was in school there were four things that you feared. You just feared them when they were even mentioned in conversation. They were your parents, the teacher, the school principal, and a policeman." I agree, if students feared these four things a great deal of the problems in public education would be solved; however, public school students will never fear these four things because these fears are a result of another fear which must come first. Proverbs 9:10 states: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." It is only when children fear God that the proper fear of parents, teacher, principal, and policeman is also evident in their lives.



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